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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to outline some expectations and guidance as your son/daughter embarks upon their GCSE in German. In German, students are sitting the Pearson Edexcel exam. The exam consists of 4 components: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

In order to assist their learning, there are various means of support:

- In German we follow the Pearson Edexcel textbook which is accessible digitally on the Active Hub platform. All students have been given their log-in details. Along with the digital version of the textbook, Active Hub allows the class teacher to set tasks for students to complete. Students will be set tasks regularly to complete on Active Hub.
- The learning of vocabulary is very important and students should do this regularly. Vocabulary for each unit is printed in the front of their unit booklet.
- The exam board has published a vocabulary list of 1700 words which will appear in the GCSE exam. This list is available on your son/daughter's Teams group in the Files section.
- Seneca is an excellent resource and the school has arranged for each student to have a Seneca log-in. In German we may set some tasks on Seneca, particularly for learning grammar points. However, there are lots of other resources on there for them to access.
- There are other websites which are useful for language learning: Languages Online <https://languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/germanindex.html#gsc.tab=0>; BBC Bitesize: German - Edexcel (for exams from 2026) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8j2tfr>
- Teams is also a useful resource for students. The class teacher will upload every lesson PowerPoint to the form's German Team Files section. In addition, there will be useful general information in Files e.g. the specification and the vocabulary list.
- Homework assignments are set on Teams. If a student fails to complete a homework in good time, they will be given a lunch-time department detention (this takes place on Mondays). Failure to attain at least 70% in a vocabulary test twice will also incur a detention as this indicates that the homework of learning vocabulary has not taken place.
- We recommend the following revision guides: Pearson Edexcel GCSE German Revision guide (ISBN: 978-1-292-471679). Along with this there is the Pearson Edexcel GCSE German Revision Workbook (ISBN 978-1-292-471747).

I hope this has been useful for you to understand what your son/daughter is studying and what is available to support them.

Yours sincerely,

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